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Lafayette Masonic Cemetery

Field Trip
21 May 1955

Lafayette, Oregon

2 pictures

Sidney Smith
born
Oct. 2, 1809
died
Sept. 18, 1880

Mianda Bayley
His wife
Born May 6, 1829
died
Oct. 5, 1918

Pioneer from New York
in 1839

Pioneer from Ohio
in 1845

"To honor one of those Patriots who on May 2, 1843,
Founded the Provisional Government at Champoeg, Oregon,
Multnomah Chapter D.A.R. April 15, 1931"

Sidney J. Smith
b. Jan. 21, 1854
d. Nov. 23, 1858

Eathan Allen Smith
b. May 17, 1863
d. Feb. 12, 1864

Henry E. Smith
b. Oct. 8, 1856
d. Feb. 9, 1864

Children of -
Sidney and Mianda Smith
Married Aug. 2, 1846

Mianda Bailey Smith

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"Reminder of many episodes of early Oregon occurred Oct. 4, 1918, at the death of Mianda Bailey Smith, widow of Sidney Smith, a member of the Peoria party of young men who started for Oregon in 1839.

"Mrs. Smith died in Chehalem Valley at the age of nearly 90 years. Her marriage took place in 1846.

"Sidney Smith was a friend and employe of Ewing Young, who headed the enterprise that brought Mexican cattle to Oregon, from California in 1837.

"Young's death in Feb. 1841, started the movement for the provisional government consummated in 1843, for probating of his estate. The great oak tree on his grave was planted in an acorn by Mr. and Mrs. Smith before their marriage.

"The husband was a member of the American party at Champoeg. He died Sept. 18, 1880. He spent most of his life on his farm in West Chehalem, purchased by him from the estate of Ewing Young.

"His wife was a daughter of Daniel Dodge Bailey, who brought his family to Oregon in 1845, by way of Meek's cut-off. The family arrived in Chehalem Valley badly worn and bedraggled and were befriended by Sidney Smith, who gave them the use of his cabin."

Lafayette Masonic Cemetery

"Men of Champoege"
by Caroline C. Dobbs

Sidney Smith

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"Sidney Smith was born in Amsterdam, New York, October 2, 1809. He was the son of Captain John S. Smith, who served in the Vermont Dragoons in the War of 1812, and was the grand-nephew of Ethan Allen.

"In 1833, Smith went to Ohio, and from there in May, 1839, he joined a company of young men -- known as the Peoria Party -- bound for Oregon under the leadership of Thomas J. Farnham.

"Smith worked for a while at the Methodist Mission, for a dollar a day. He left the Mission in 1839 and made his home with Ewing Young for two years. In February, 1841, Young became ill, and died.

"Smith purchased the possessory right to all the land claimed by Ewing Young, comprising the whole of Chehalem valley, and all of his unbranded cattle, for a sum between two hundred and three hundred dollars.

"In the fall of 1845, a Mr. Bailey and his family, having just crossed the plains, came to stay with Smith until they could settle on an adjacent claim. On August 2 of the following year Smith was married to Miss Mianda Bailey, one of the daughters.

"In the gold rush he went to California, leaving his wife and one child. He was forced home by an attack of scurvy, but brought three thousand dollars in gold dust with him.

"Smith became one of the merchants at Lafayette, which in 1852 was an important center of political and commercial activity. He became eventually a wealthy man, and gave his children opportunity for the best education available at that time.

"His death occurred September 18, 1880, and he was buried in the Masonic cemetery at Lafayette."

Visited the cemetery 21 May 1955.

- 2 Masonic Cemetery, now under custody of the Masonic Lodge
 Master - Mr. Arthur Dresselhaus, ~~master~~ R.F.D. Dayton, O.
 Sec'y - Mr. Cyrus Warren, Lafayette, Oregon.
 A late plot has been made of this -
 (see separate sheet - 21 May 1955 field trip)

- 6- Dayton-Brookside Cemetery - donated to Dayton by Gen. Joel Palmer
 many pioneers buried here - now - Dayton Elementary Sch. Gen. Robert Todd,
 had chart of it made in 1956

- 7 Dayton Odd Fellows Cemetery, 1 mi. S. of Dayton on Salem Hwy.
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Oregon Burial Site Guide Yamhill County

Name of Cemetery and also known as	Number of burials	Acres	Condition	Date started or earliest known burial	Township	Range	Section
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the Alvis Kimsey D.L.C. #43, OC #912; he was aged 40. NOTE: This site is on private property. (Not shown on Dayton 1957-92 USGS Quad. map.)

LAFAYETTE PIONEER AKA: 1. I.O.O.F.

B	1.7	2	1850	T4S	R3W	S6
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Located 1 mile from OR. Hwy. 99W, on the northeast edge of Lafayette. Leave the highway on Monroe Street and go north; turn right (east) on 7th, going past the school. Turn left (north) on Duniway and go the remaining 0.5 of a mile to the cemetery on the right. The grounds are fairly well kept but the cemetery has been very badly vandalized in the past. {23 May 1989} (Dundee 1956-93 USGS Quad. map.)

MALONE FAMILY

A	0.1	2	1850	T4S	R4W	S15
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This small cemetery is at the northeastern end of McMinnville along OR. Hwy. 99W. Because of the heavy volume of traffic, it is best approached as if from Portland and heading towards downtown McMinnville. The cemetery is on the righthand side of the highway, marked by a flagpole and three large oak trees. Park in the Farmers Market parking. The small burial area is enclosed by a low wall with a pedestrian gate. There is a memorial plaque marking this sad remnant. A 1967 survey recorded 15 known burials but the plaque states that about 25 are believed buried here. The compiler found 5 markers, of which 3 were intact. It is on the Madison Malone D.L.C. #49, OC #106. (23 August 1994) (Not shown on McMinnville 1957-92 USGS Quad. map.)

MASONIC [LAFAYETTE]

C	2.8	2	1855	T4S	R4W	S1
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From the west end of the town of Lafayette, turn right (north) off of OR. Hwy. 99W onto Mineral Springs Road and go 0.64 of a mile, turning hard left. By the cemetery signboard is a gated driveway which leads uphill to the cemetery. {23 May 1989 and 5 June 1989} (Carlton 1957-92 USGS Quad. map.)

May 24, 2002

Dear Visitors to the Lafayette Masonic Cemetery

A group of men and women from Blanchet Farm volunteered again to bring a work party to the cemetery. We are fortunate to have such an enthusiastic group to help maintain the cemetery.

Hugh Williams III, (one of my nephews) sprayed approximately 100 gallons of Crossbow on the blackberries and poison oak. We may not get rid of these plants, but we can control them.

For those of you who did not have your stone repaired / reset last year, Dan Bell did repair some of them, but did not get to all of them.

Please contact Dan at Bells Cemetery Service, P.O. Box 611, Dallas Or. 97338. His phone number is 503-623-6775.

For those of you who wish to make a contribution, please send your tax deductible contribution to:

Blanchet Farm
11750 NE Finn Hill Loop Rd.
Carlton, Or 97111

A note of appreciation to the volunteers from Blanchet Farm would be appreciated.

Please leave your name, address and the grave site you visited in the notebook, I would also appreciate any information you have about your ancestors. Until someone volunteers for the project you can mail the information to me. Suggestions, information, or memories of the cemetery, adoption of a stone for repair and any type of volunteering is welcome and urged!!!

Kolene Williams
7515 NE Oak Springs Farm Rd.
Carlton, Or. 97111
503-864-2551

PS: Thank to Clark Peters (Gates Family) who always helps to "shape up" the area. Thanks also to the Masonic Lodge for the "Comfort Station".

May 23, 2003

Dear Visitors to the Lafayette Masonic Cemetery:

A week ago I thought we would need a machete to get into the cemetery. However, last Saturday the sun came out in more ways than one. My nephew Hugh Williams and his son Hugh III mowed the areas without head stones with the tractor mower and the DR Mower. I also talked with the manager of Blanchet Farm and confirmed that volunteers would be here the 22nd and 23rd. Mike Maxwell (the one who ~~initiated~~^{started} the clean up by Blanchet Farm volunteers in 2001) was here yesterday, and last but certainly but not least, Clark Peters (Gates family) was here yesterday to do his bit in "sprucing up" the grounds.

I have not been overwhelmed with information about your ancestors. Please write what you know. We're not getting any younger!

Thanks to the McMinnville Masonic Lodge for the "Comfort Station".

Kolene Williams
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Carlton, Or. 97111
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PS.

Donations may be made to:

Blanchet Farm
11750 NE Finn Hill Loop Rd.
Carlton, Or. 97111

26 May 2004

Dear Visitors to the Lafayette Masonic Cemetery:

Last summer I met with a few members of the McMinnville Masonic Lodge here at the cemetery. For a brief time I thought they would assume some of the responsibility for the up keep, however, the anticipated help did not materialize. It ^{wasn't} ~~was~~ now because of the vandalism to their "active" cemetery in McMinnville and all of their efforts are concentrated there.

Michael Maxwell arranged for volunteers from Blanchet Farm to come in again this year.

Clark Peters and his brother (Phil from New Jersey?) were here last week to clean up their family plot (Gates). Clark always does much more.

Thanks to the above for their efforts to get the cemetery "shaped up".

My nephews were busy after their regular work day, ^{off the farm} trying to get the hay in the barn, in spite of the rain, so they did not put in their usual time here.

I am unable to continue my participation in the care of this cemetery. Someone could plan a clean up day and have a notice put in the local papers, ^{as} ~~so~~ some of you have suggested. Any other ideas?

Thanks to the McMinnville Masonic Lodge for the "Comfort Station".

Kolene Williams
7515 Oak Springs Farm Rd.
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P. S.

Donations may be sent to:

Blanchet Farm
11750 NE Finn Hill Loop Rd.
Carlton, Or 97111

*5/27 Sorry - it looks as if the work crew was rained out.
Weather permitting my nephew Hugh III will be here Saturday.*

May 2005

Dear Friends of the Masonic Cemetery of Lafayette, Oregon,

We lost our volunteer group from the Blanchet Farms. Michael Maxwell, the young man who organized the clean up a few years ago was unable to find anyone interested in the project. Michael has emphysema and is unable to contribute his most appreciated time. Thanks for all you have done in the past Michael!

The May rains didn't help either. After volunteering with a work party at the Lafayette Pioneer Cemetery, George Meitzer came up last Saturday and mowed the roadside and around the flag pole with his ATV rotary mower. Thank you George!!!! Our tractors were too heavy, the ground too soft, too dangerous, et cetera . . .

My nephew Hugh Ed Williams Jr. and his son Hugh III, mowed what they could, with our DR mower this week and did a wonderful job!

Clark Peters was here today (the 27th) with his riding mower and has accomplished a lot. Thank you Clark, it was great seeing you again!

Remember, whatever has been accomplished has been done by volunteers. One family cannot keep this cemetery in shape. We need Help. Voice your concerns and suggestions. I have suggested a "Friends of the Masonic Cemetery, Lafayette, OR Association." A maintenance and preservation fund should be started.

Why don't I do something about an Association? I will give you four reasons: 1) Atrial fibrillation (heart beat irregular and rapid; 2) Congestive heart failure (due to atrial fibrillation; 3) Multiple Myeloma (bone marrow cancer); 4) side effects from the medications I take for the above afflictions.

The Sexton of the Masonic Cemetery in McMinnville (it is still in use), has assured me that now their cemetery has been restored from extensive damage due to vandalism, he will arrange for clean up of "our" cemetery. As most of you know, this cemetery is owned by the masonic Lodge in McMinnville, phone number 503-472-2341

Sincerest Thanks,

A. Kolene Williams
7515 NE Oak Springs Farm Rd.
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503-864-2551

May 25, 2006

Dear Friends of the Lafayette Masonic Cemetery,

Another year and the same request for information about those buried here ~~are asked~~.

The Sexton of the Masonic Cemetery in McMinnville brought a group from the Yamhill County Correctional Facility to "clean-up" the cemetery last summer. He found garbage dumped in the area, and changed the lock from combination to key. I'm sure that anyone who had the combination would not think of such an act, but the gate was left open.

The work done recently was completed by Clark Peter and his brother Phil and my nephew Hugh Williams, not ideal weather to mow grass. Hugh had to take our DR Mower in for repairs and I heard that Clark's riding mower also needed repairs after their struggle in the rain.

Some of you mentioned in your comments that you would participate in a clean-up day. At this time I suggest if you have family members or friends willing and able to help you can have your own clean-up day, to clean your own plot. Remember I am still not driving so I need time to get the gate unlocked or call the Masonic Lodge in McMinnville 503-472-2341 and leave a message. Someone will return your call.

Clark Peters calls ahead to be sure the gate is open, gets the Gates plot "squared away", and mows as much as he can the remainder of his stay. This year his brother Phil from the East Coast came too. Thanks to both of them and to Hugh, who has to go back to work to get some rest.

God Bless and have a safe Memorial Day, 2006.
And Remember all our Veterans.

A. Kolene Williams
7515 NE Oak Springs Farm Rd.
Carlton, OR 97111
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North Road

41 mon Barley Watts O'Connor Bo dy felt	40 Isaac Sampson	31	30	21 John Hubland Laura Hubbert	20	11	10	1 Hembree Gene Hembree
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ALLEY

42 RA Stewart J.W. Watts Thurman Highland	39 J.E. Young	32 E. Millican	29 Chris man	22 Gress C.S. English	19 Poppleton	12 Hendrichs	9 Hembree Sampson	2 EC. Bradshaw
43 M. Turner S. Watts	38 Robt E. Smith	33 Bryan B. Whitten	28 AV Clarke R. Westerfield	23	18 I.P. Johnson Eli. Perkins	13 2c. Hembree Miles Cary	8 J.K. Sampson gates	3 H. H. H. Reland to Bey for Tice Parber
44 L Schaffner	37 J. Knapp	34 John Randall	27 9 E Johnson J. Johnson	24 D. Johnson	17	14 Martin Olds	7 pp gates	4 R Harris
45 Chas Morris G.S. Billington	36 R. Higgins E. Bidwell	35	26	25 C.E. Bryan	16 Bryan R Olds	15 RP Bird	6 Dr. Gough	5 Wadley C.S. Tustin

South

The Lafayette Masonic Cemetery welcomes you.

Many things have happened since last Decoration Day.

Last May 2020 the cemetery was closed because of major vandalism to 30 + Headstones and the loss of a huge tree. The Trustees of the Cemetery decided it ~~was just~~ wasn't appropriate to open the LMC until the tree was removed and a repair plan was created to start repairing the vandalism.

After May 2020 the tree was removed and a plan for the repairs of the markers was created and approved by the LMC Trustees.

Fundraisers were started and a very nice family donation of \$1000.00 was gifted. The fundraisers raised money for a security camera system and a self propelled weeder. An 18 feet tripod was purchased for the use of lifting the toppled stones.

Thanks to Historic Preservation Northwest from Albany Or. HPNW are wonderful and knowledgeable when it come to preservation concerns for our pioneer cemeteries.

We started 2021 on the right track to slowly and safely start repairing markers.

Since then much has happened.

13 markers have been repaired. Out of those 13 repaired stones there were a few that were re vandalized in the winter. This was very frustrating.

I have submitted to the State of Oregon a Grant for continued headstone repairs. Sometime in June we will find out if we were awarded funds.

If we are awarded a grant from the State of Oregon this would repair around 15 more stone markers. After those repairs we will re address what stones are left to repair and come up with a finalized repair plan that hopefully could be completed by 2022-23.

There is a Facebook page, internet page, and an ongoing GoFundMe Fundraiser for broken stones in both the Mmc and Lmc. Please contact me at the below email address for more information.

Lastly please take some time at our flag pole. For the first time in over 20 years Old Glory is waving proudly in honor of our interred.

Have a wonderful Memorial Day Weekend.

Respectfully,

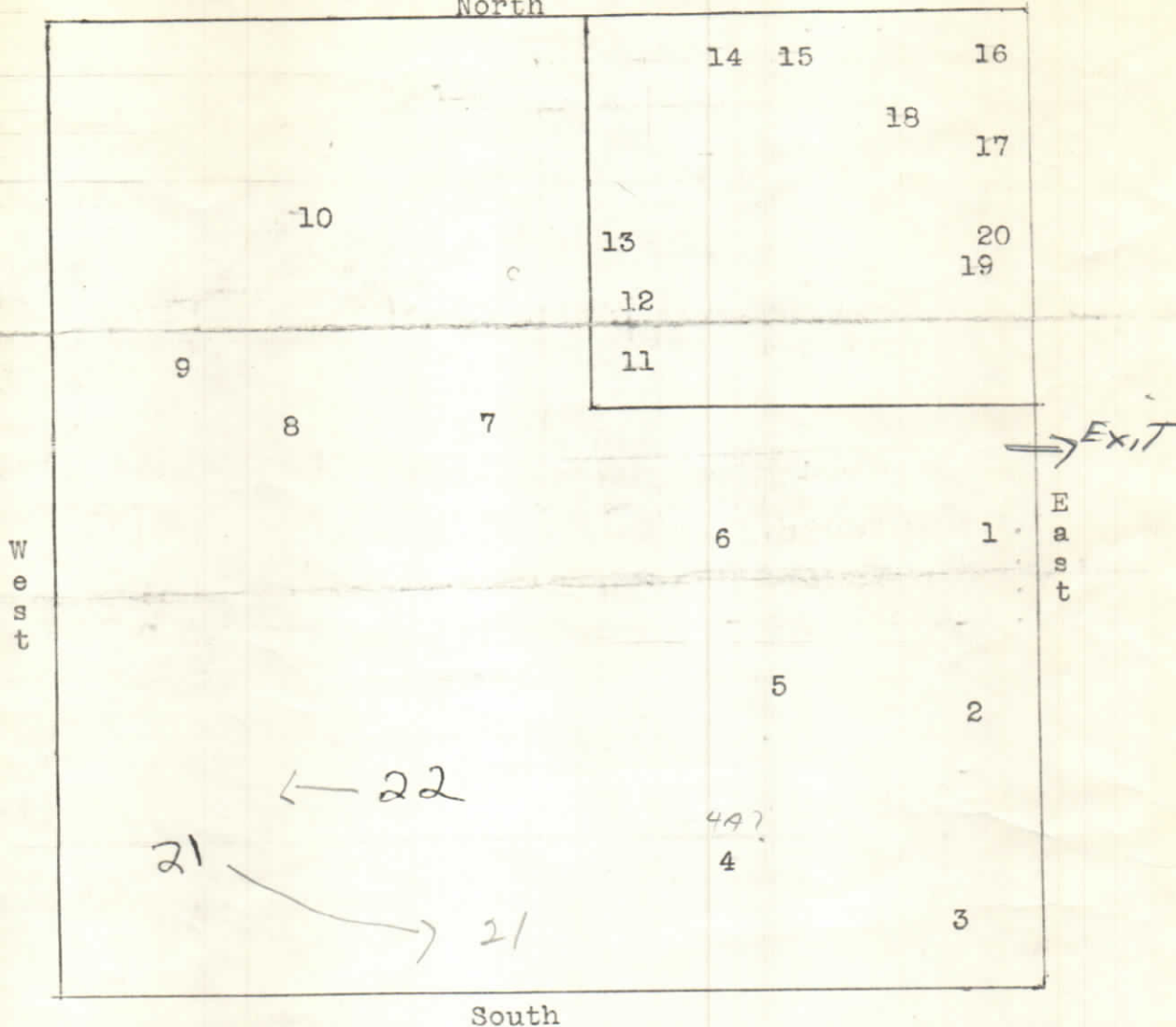
Johnny J. Edwards

Sexton / Caretaker

Mmc and Lmc

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Entrance
←MASONIC CEMETARY
North

1. Levi Suiter
2. Lloyd Henry
3. G.W. Davis
4. A. Biddle
5. Jess Dixon
6. Carr
7. Geo. Matthey
8. Robert Bird
9. H.L. Morris
10. Nelson

11. Morgan J. Turner
12. Thomas W. Highland
13. Robert Stewart
14. Isaac Sampson
15. John F. Hubbard
16. J.F. Hembree
17. P. Gates
18. Owen H. Johnson
19. Daniel G. Parker
20. John Haney

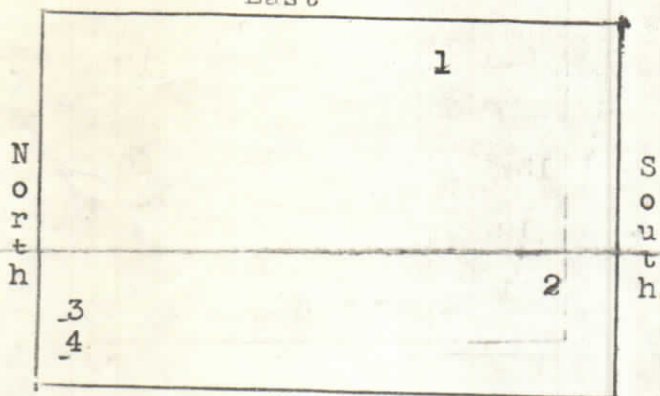
21 Jones
22 B. D. Pendleton

4A Crimmins

— Some one always takes this flag - so I am not putting one on the grave.

I.O.O.F.

East



1. Josrah Nelson
2. Green
3. Fred Morgan
4. Archie Morgan

Road to

To Lafayette

Oregon Burial Site Guide

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Johnny J. Edwards

Thank You so much for all the work you + perhaps others have done - over the last few years. A lot of work has been done and its much cleaner than some years when I came up here. I'm so sorry about the loss of the tree + the major vandalism - Unfortunately its not the 1st time for Vandalism,

I've 1st came up here as a very little girl, with my dad, to see the headstones, walk about and look over the road at my Aunts + uncles Place -

I have since passed on Part of the tradition to my Family -

Sincerely

Shaw - Andrews
Family